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Claim Amendments

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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Claim 1 (currently amended) : A fruit juicer, comprising:

a centrally arranged, projecting and upwardly tapering element for pressing fruit disposed to be rotatable about an axis of rotation;

a drive train including a motor and an output shaft for driving said tapering element via toothed wheels;

~~an element~~ a drive shaft connected to said tapering element and axially displaceable relative to said toothed wheels;

a switch connected for switching said motor and disposed to be actuated when said tapering element is depressed, and wherein said axially displaceable element is drive shaft being configured to actuate said switch in close vicinity of said axis of rotation.

Claim 2 (currently amended) : The juicer according to claim 1, wherein said switch comprises a switch lever and a key, and

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said key is disposed to be actuated by said switch lever via  
said axially displaceable element drive shaft.

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Claim 3 (currently amended): The juicer according to claim 1,  
wherein said switch comprises a rocker and a key, and said key  
is disposed to be actuated by said rocker via said axially  
displaceable element drive shaft.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The juicer according to claim 1,  
wherein said ~~axially displaceable element~~ is a drive shaft  
~~carrying~~ carries a shaft bushing, and said tapering element is  
formed with a hub lapping over said shaft bushing.

Claim 5 (original): The juicer according to claim 4, which  
comprises a compression spring mounted between said hub and  
said shaft bushing.

Claim 6 (original): The juicer according to claim 5, wherein  
said compression spring is supported on a wear-plate.

Claim 7 (original): The juicer according to claim 1, which  
comprises a device for preventing excessive pressing of said  
switch or said key.

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Claim 8 (original): The juicer according to claim 6, wherein said device is a stop.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A fruit juicer, comprising:

an upwardly projecting and upwardly tapering element for ~~pressing fruit mounted to be rotatable about an axis of~~ rotation;

a drive train including a motor connected to and selectively driving said tapering element;

~~an element~~ a drive shaft connected to said tapering element and axially displaceable relative to said drive train; and

a switch connected for switching said motor and disposed at or in close vicinity of said axis of rotation, for actuation by said axially displaceable ~~element~~ drive shaft when said tapering element is depressed.

Claim 10 (original): The fruit juicer according to claim 9, wherein said drive train includes a power output shaft of said motor, and a gear transmission with toothed wheels for transmitting drive power to said tapering element.